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## Herald To Carry Ad Of Tax Deeded Properties On Sale March 18

Including 2185 Parcels of Real Estate, distributed in some 80 different communities, the county's second largest sale of tax-deeded properties in recent years, and the largest since that of October, 1944, will start Monday, March 18, H. L. Byram, County Tax Collector, announced today. The properties are being advertised beginning Feb. 21, in 71 different newspapers of the County, including the Torrance Herald.

The sale will be held at the Hall of Justice with Frank B. Murphy, deputy tax collector, recently returned from three years in the Navy, and Deputy Warren E. Schwab, alternating as auctioneers.

Properties being offered for sale carry a total assessed valuation of \$533,195, but will go on the auction block at an aggregate minimum bid of \$152,000. The minimum is figured on the basis of seven times the current year's taxes.

The sale in March will be the first of three and possibly four, such sales scheduled for this year, Byram stated. Three such sales were held in 1945, in February, August and December, at which 3481 properties were sold for a total income to the County of \$880,014. At the December sale bidding was so active that final selling prices ran nearly 50 per cent above assessed valuations.

Byram states that his office is now taking applications for properties which applicants wish put up for auction late in the coming summer. Despite the fact that many of the cities of the County, including the City of Los Angeles, are conducting their own tax lands selling pro-

grams, nearly 90,000 deeded properties still remain on the County's list of tax-foreclosed lands, he said.

## Service Clubs Will Join In Youth Movement

The three service clubs of Torrance, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions, will join forces to bring about in Torrance a plan for counseling youths of the community, and the first step in this direction will be a joint meeting on March 21 in the Woman's club to hear Cecil L. Whitehead discuss the Altadena plan.

Proposed to the groups by Dale Riley, superintendent of Torrance city recreation, the plan is said to have been tried and tested in several communities, including Altadena and Detroit, Mich. Its objective is to keep the juveniles of the community who are faced with trouble, out of the courts.

Rotary will be host club, according to Riley, since the program falls on their regular scheduled meeting day.

## C. E. GUILD PLANS AFTERNOON MEETING

Members of Central Evangelical Guild will meet at 2:00 o'clock, Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Guild Hall. Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, president, will conduct the business meeting and refreshments will be served by the February hostesses, Mmes. W. H. Haslam, John Ferguson and Howard E. McDonald.

## Annual Chamber Dinner Will Be Big Affair

Torrance Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner meeting in the Civic Auditorium on Feb. 25, at 7 p. m., will be the outstanding dinner meeting of the season and one of importance to the chamber and civic leaders of the community, according to Reed H. Parkin, president of the chamber.

The spotlight will be focused on plans for a municipal airport for Torrance and R. W. F. Schmidt, superintendent of airports, Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, will be principal speaker. "Robert L. Plomert, Jr., in charge of arrangements, has assured us that an excellent steak dinner is in prospect, but points out that the limited number of three hundred guests must get their tickets in advance, if they wish to attend," Parkin said. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office.

## Capt. Zamperini Goes To Florida For Vacation

Capt. Louis S. Zamperini, who was a Jap prisoner of war, has completed his hospitalization and has indicated that he wishes to accept the Air Force Personnel Distribution Command's invitation to spend two weeks of his one hundred and four day furlough as a guest of the Air Force at Miami Beach, Fla. He was to arrive there Tuesday.

This program is known as "Project J & R." Project J men are those who became prisoners of war up to and including the fall of Corregidor and the Project R men are those who became prisoners of war after the fall of Corregidor. The "J" men received automatic promotions upon being freed, while the "R" men were promoted automatically. It was likely that they would have been promoted had they not been captured.

In addition to receiving government paid transportation—either by commercial air, rail or private car—a former Air Force Jap prisoner of war may invite two of his immediate family to "vacation" with him on the same basis as guests of the Air Force. Throughout their stay at Miami Beach, an appreciative Uncle Sam "picks up the checks" for all room and meal costs.

A special service department is ready to offer the soldier and his family an elaborate free program of entertainment. Golf, deepsea fishing, tennis, horseback riding, movies, swimming, sightseeing, tours, or just sunbathing on the beach are some of the attractions offered.

## One New Well In Torrance; One Deepening

Oil field operations reported during the week ending Jan. 26, 1946, show 43 notices to drill new wells filed, as compared with 34 during the previous week. Of the 43 notices to drill new wells filed this week, 5 were for wells in the Wilmington field, 3 in the Huntington Beach field, 2 in the Seal Beach field, 1 in the East Coyote field, 1 in the Torrance field, 1 in Orange County, 2 in Los Angeles County, 1 in the Santa Maria Valley field, 5 in the Edison field, 2 in the Kern River field, 1 each in the Mt. Poso field, South Belridge field, and Tejon field, 1 in Tulare County, 3 in Kern County, 3 in the Kern field, 3 in the Rio Vista Gas field, 1 each in the Coalinga field, East Coalinga Extension field, Kettleman North Dome field, Kings County, Solano County and 2 in Fresno County. Total new wells this year, 148, as compared with 161 at the same date last year. The Torrance well is that of Lebow & McNea, Dominguez Estate No. 4.

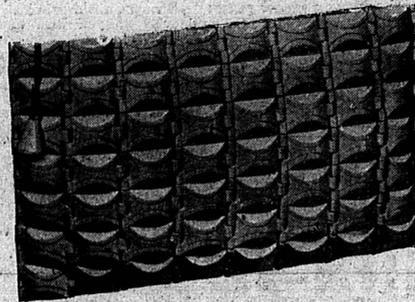
Deepening or redrilling jobs this week numbered 15, as compared with 12 during the previous week. Total to date this year, 56; total to same date last year, 67. V. R. G. Wilbur will deepen Figueroa No. 2, Torrance. Abandonments this week numbered 18, the same number as during the previous week. Total to date this year, 67; total to same date last year, 64.

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